have marked the past year than for any

STAUNTON'S GOOD SHOWING.

Nearly a Million Dollars On Deposit in

Her Banksi

# VIRGINIA'S BUSY MARTS.

Merchants Congratulate Themselves On the Past Year's Trade.

#### MAGNIFICENT PROSPECTS AHEAD.

Paymers Have Money and Provisions Ahead and the Towns Have New Enterprises Starting With the New Year.

DANVILLE, VA., Dec. M.—Special.—The year which closes to-right has been, in the main, a presperous one in Danville. This is especially true as to tobacconists,

The records already published in The Times show that the loose leaf market reached high water mark this year, and a larger quantity of the weed was sold than ever before in the market's history. TOBACCO MEN MAKE MONEY.

All tobacco dealers, without exception, have made money, and other branches of business have prospered along with the

Dunville has few failures this year, and none of them have been large. Merchants have done well in the main, the cotton faterest has been prosperous, and there has been all the year a building epidemic, Pigures for comparison are not at hand, but it is quite certain that more houses have been erected in Danville during 1897

NEW BUILDINGS.

There may have been years when build-ing material and labor were higher, in which the aggregate cost of houses erect-ed was greater than this year, but even that is in doubt. Some of the buildings that have gone up this year are splendid and costly structures that add to the beauty of the city.

The new year will start off favorably

The headry trade in head points to provide trade in a ree the usual full that comes after the head we the usual full that comes after the head we can been appended coffections are growing better, money seems to be more plenting as, servining points to prespectly in Danca. In the good year, 1878.

#### NORFOLK PROSPEROTS.

A Decided Improvement in Business for

A Decided Improvement in Business for the Year.

NORFOLK, VA., Dec. 30.—Special.—A very decided improvement has been noted in the business of this city and section during 1807, and particularly during the past three months, over 1806. This is speaking generally.

Norfolk had her share of business fallures, but, with one exception, they have been comparatively trilling. Trade picked up during the year, and perhaps twice as much money was spent this Christmas at the stores as last year.—a fair indication. Buying in breadening and clothing has been heavier, and the merchants at wear a happler look than they did twelve months are.

months ago.

There was a considerable falling off in
the export trade, but this did not mate-rially affect local interests. Last year
was phenomenal in the matter of ex-

NEW RAILROAD LINE. Twelve or fifteen hundred men are at work now grading the new branch of this road from Kempsville to the Sound, and thus will not be romoleted until March.

It is not amprobable that a new elevastor will be put up at Pinner's Point; the belt line is being built, street railways extended, and numerous other enterprises are being pushed all of which will furnish work and money to the spending chasses.

Business on a Better Busis and Everybody

is Prospering. SUFFOLK, VA., Dec. 31.—Special.—In making up the final balances for the year just passing into history the business men of Suffolk and contiguous territory have ing no available statistics The Times cor-respondent has talked with many of the leading merchants and local manufactur-ers. In almost every case they say that in \$100 more for that particular day; a drug dealer \$50 more and so on.

drug dealer \$00 more and so on.
MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES. With the manufacturing industries here-thours, the conditions are even more cratifying. The volume of business for 1897 was not only larger, but the mainsger; say that business is or a better basis. The prices are not high, but the concerns have begun to adjust their expenses and cost of production to the existing conditions so that the profits are larger, the

Compared with a year the farming in terests in Nansemond, Isle of Wight and Southampton counties are in excellen shape. A large peanut buyer of Smith-field said a day or so ago that he some-times pays as much as \$6.000 a day for that product alone and the percentage of this distributed in cash is larger and the amounts paid on notes correspondingly less. This buyer thinks the farmers are better off than for several years.

A LIVING PROFIT.

It's true that peanuts, the principal money crop for this section, are not sell-ing high, but farmers have so minimized the cost of production that they make a living profit.

A rain and wind storm during the harvesting period this year caused about 30 per cent. of the nuts to turn black. This enhanced the price of the white ones. With business getting better and confidence improving, the outlook for 1898 is bright—comparatively, so, anyway. Not that the merchants, manufacturers or farmers expect any sudden or luminous changes; nor that they are anticipating any boom times—but the feeling is easier.

mists have less to talk about. Progressive, energetic men propose to make the year 1898 a good one not because of fulfilled pledges or political con-ditions, but in spite of them.

money is more plentiful and the pessi-

### CHARLOTTESVILLE.

Has Enjoyed Very Valuable Material Im-

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., December 31.—Special.—Charlottesville business mer have had a very prosperous year and seem very much encouraged by the flat-

tering prospects for the year 1898.

During the year 1897 the building contractors have been very busy, to say nothing of the 1450,000 worth of new buildings and improvements at the University of Virginia the most of which has been

of Virginia the most of which has been completed in 1597.

The city has erected over \$390,000 worth of new buildings, consisting of business houses and residences.

MATERIAL IMPROVEMENT.

Among them are: King & Sons, large wholesale warehouse, cost \$10,000: Covington & Peyton, storehouse, \$6,000: Mrs.

Ballie B. Sterling., large business house, \$3,000; Presbyterian church, \$15,000; Christian church, \$12,000: Episcopal church, \$12,000: Episcopal church,

The Royal is the kighest grade baking powder known. Actual tests show it goes canthird further than any other brand.

\$30,000; Methodist chapel, Belmont, \$3,000;

Dr. J. E. Early's office, \$2,500; J. V. Perley, five tenement houses, \$5,000; Miss Doswell, residence, \$2,000; Miss Birkley.

Doswell, residence, S. W. Bryton, residence, M.000; Lewis & Conway, residence, M.000; John A. Smith, residence, M.000; John A. Smith, residence, M.000; John Perley, residence, M.000; Farrar Brothers, livery stable, \$2,000; Mrs. Kidd, residence, M.000; Lo.

11.200 B. Oberdorfer, residence, \$1.200 B. Oberdorfer, residence, \$1.900; Locust Grove Company, two cettages, \$2.000. N. T. Lang, residence, \$0.00; R. N. Flannagan, residence, \$1.200; John Tate, residence, \$0.00; Mr. Sandridge, residence, \$0.00. I.

dence, \$200; Mr. Sandridge, residence, \$1,000; B. F. Johnson, residence, \$1,000; J. T. Beck, residence, \$200; B. T. Johnson, residence, \$200; Mrs. George, improvement, \$2,000; J. W. Robinson, residence, \$1,550; Mrs. Swim, \$200; E. J. Haden, three cottages, \$2,550 - O. Sandes, cottages in Fourth Ward, \$700; W. R. Barksdale, cottage, \$1,000; besides several residence houses in Fifeville, a suburban part of the city, costing about \$10,000.

UNIVERSITY IMPROVEMENTS.

The buildings and improvements in the city and at the University of Virginia for the year 1893 amounts to over \$500.000, and the prespects for the year 1888 are equally as promising. A number of new

Charlottesville has the best street car service of any town of its size in the custo, and the city now has two tele-

phone lines in successful operation and will soon have telephone comunication with a number of villages thirty and forty miles distant from the city; also, with avery cross-roads store in the

CAPE CHARLES CITY. Almost I. credible Prosperity of the Eas-

Almost beredible Prosperity of the Law ran shore Countles.

CAFE CHATLES, VA. Dec. 31—Special—As a rule be people of the Eastern Shore of Virgania and especially of Cape Charles are thrifty of prosperous, and the year 1857 will be long remembered us one of the most prochable of recent as one of the most prochable of recent

Arrangements are being perfected by Rev. Mickle, pastor of St. Charles Cath-olle church to billd a very handsome school on the vacant 1-t adjoining their

property in this city. The grading for the

NEW IMPROVEMENTS.

Many new improvements and facilities ave been added to the Water Work suring the year to meet the demand

only about one year old, the recenue de-rived from the water tax wall be suffici-ent to pay the interest on the water bonds the first year.

The banking house opened here about two years ago by Mr. L. E. Munford, one

two years ago by Mr. L. E. Muniola, of of the pioneers of this city, has built up a large business, it is the first institu-tion of the kind established in this coun-

tion of the kind established in this coun-try and has added very naterially to the progress of this town. Mr. Munford, who was formerly a prominent merchan-here, by his past record entrys the ut-most confidence of the people, and al-though there has been some talk of es-tablishing a National Bank here, it is not thought that such an erterprise will be undertaken for some time yet.

undertaken for some time yet.
UNITED STATES BUILDING.

W. A. Jones, to secure on appropriation of \$10,000 from the present Congress to erect a small public building here to accommodate the posteffice, which is now a third-class office, and the Collector of

Customs, of which this is the head office for Cherrystone District. The subject of sugar beet culture and

the advisability of establishing a factory for the manufacturing of them, has been occupying the attention of some of the

occupying the attention of sales of the leading farmers for the past year, the foremost of whom is Captain O. A. Browne, manager of the Scott Hollywood Farm. Experiments made this year show the beets raised on the Peninsula

to be of very good quality.

A meeting of the farmers has been calld to decide upon the acreage to be

take steps towards recuring a beet fac-tory on the Eastern Shore, or some con-

The health of this town has also im

proved very much in recent years. The stagnant and filthy ponds near by, which a few years ago was a constant menace to the health of the people, have been drained to the bay by large pipes and filled up in some places, so that the druggists inform me there is not half as much malaria medicine sold here as in former years and rarrly ever a serious case of malarial fever.

LYNCHBURG'S PROGRESS.

New Enterprises Started and Others are

Being Invited. LYNCHBURG, VA., Dec. 31.-Special.

Lynchburgers have every reason to feel satisfied, if not gratified, at the growth made in the city's business during the past year, and at the prospects for the

future. Particularly encouraging has

past eighteen months of several desira

ble and valuable enterprises, and in the past twelve months the Guggenheimer Pants Company and the Lynchburg Brass

turing Company have taken hold of the Craighill fertilizer plant, and are pushing it right ahead with every prospect of doing a big business.

The Stanford Manufacturing Company, who have erected a large plant for the manufacture of dyes in South Lynchburg, begin work the first of the year with one hundred bands. hundred hands.

A large, new ice factory has been built in the last year, and additions have been made to the cotton factory and the Gla-morgan Works.

INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION. At least two hundred thousand dollars of capital has been put into enterprises in Lynchburg in the past twelve or eigh-teen months, and the Industrial Associa-

teen months, and the Industrial Association are meeting with encouragement in their efforts to secure other plants.

Tobacco manufacturers state that they will do a heavy business during the first months of the year. The leaf tobacco market is in a decidedly healthy condition, and the increase in the sales for the past year marked an increase of several million pounds over the preceding year.

With the large additions to the number of laboring men employed, the retail with the large auditions to the number of laboring men employed, the retail merchants of the city are expecting that their business will receive a new im-pulse, which will result in renewed ac-

PULASKI'S SPLENDID OUTLOOK.

Fine Cattle Sales and Good Crops Have Made Money Plentiful.

Made Money Plentiful.

PULASKI, VA., Dec. 3L.—Special,—Pulaski and vicinity have had a prosperous year in 1807. All branches of husiness have kept up well, with prospect of improvement in 1888.

Crops have been musually sood and have brought good prices. Cattle have been higher than for many years and snipments of them have been unusually arge, especially the direct shipments to Europe.

A large wheat crop was raised, bringing a good price, and a large one sowed last fall and is looking well. The winter so far has been mild and stock is in the order.

so far has been mild and stock is in sule order.

Fulaski merchants have done a good business, principally for cash, and have made very few bad bills. There have been fewer fallures than over before, Several snterprising houses have been added to the list of merchants during 1897. Christmas sales have been excellent.

The Standard Oil Company has put up two immense oil tanks in the town within the last few months, making Pulaski a distributing point for their cil.

NEW TELEPHONE LINES.

neespered and done a large business in 1857.

All of our furnaces and factories have done a first-class business in 1857.

The zine furnace has done its usual and profitable business, mining zine ores and manufacturing the feet spelter in the world. Its furnaces are located in Pulaski and its mines on New Fiver, on the North Carolina extension of the N. & W. raliway, about twenty miles from Pulaski.

The Pulaski from furnace of which John W. Ecknombhas been since its erection some ten years and the efficient gyperal superintendent, has its furnace here and its own ore and coal mines in various places in West Virginia, and in Virginia near Pulaski, has had a line year, running day and ment at its full capacity, the furnace being a list for made, and now has large orders anead. The same is true of the large from furnace, founded here during the collains of the

for stores, a printing office and general disces. They will be completed in the

Dr. Chaffin has nearly completed his large handsome two-story hullding on commerce evenue, in which he and others will have their offices.

A number of handsome residences have we their offices,
wher of bandsome residences have
all in 1897, among them those of
mes and fee W. W. Smith,
ORE MINING.

There is considerable activity in iron ore mining on New River in the vicinity of Pulaski. Pulaski.
tohnson & Co. are building several
les of rallroad to their mines near Cars Ferry on New River, and the Krise
in Company is making extensive prepations for mining near Barren Springs
New Elver, L. S. Caffee has developed

New River. L. S. Calfee has developed ine voin of coal one mile south of aski on Draper's Mountain, while raken's coal mine three miles north of aski on the Altoons railroad is furning excellent coal to citizens of the n. The streets and bridges in Pulashave been improved in 1897, he Pulaski Public School has had itse and efficiency increased during 1897, as a distinguished William and Mary duste. Professor G. M. Smith, at its d, with seven lady assistants, all dustes of the Farmville State Normal tool. The attendance is good. Mrs. or and private school, these ladies being serienced teachers and normal grades.

order has erevalled in the town. Good order has frevalled in the town, there not being a single arrest during the Christmas helidays. Christmas helidereclebrated loyously but orderly. Health has been excellent in 1897.

A tone of confidence servades our town and its citizens who look forward to a prosperous year in 1898.

## ROANOKE TERY BUST.

Her Laborers are All at Work and Trade

Her Laborers are All at Work and Trade is Brisk.

ROANOE. VA. Dec. 31.—Special—With the closing of the year last the business men of Roanoke teel that they have experienced a general revival of business compared to the four years previous. All hands agree that the coming year will witness a splendid business era in Roanoke. On many branches of trade business had increased nearly so per cent. Over that of last year.

The merchants are unanimous in the belief that the year 1888 will be a much better trade year than any for half a decade. The people of the city are happy and contented with no idle hands to contend with and most of the railroad and machine shops employes are making overlime, so brisk is the work of the Norfolk and Western Kallway Company.

machine shops employes are making overtime, so brisk is the work of the Norfolk and Western Railway Company.

MACHINE WO'KS "SHED.
The Roanoke Machine Works are brotably working more men new than at any
time within the history of the shops.
They are working many departments
several hours overtime, and the freight
truffic of the railroad has been exceedingly leavy.

traffic of the railroad has been exceedingly heavy.

The bare fact that the industries of the city are all busy, and that our working people have had steady employment for the past several months is, of itself, sufficient to make trade active in all lines. The wholesale houses say that business is better all through the southwestern part of the State, and report collections much easier. They are unanimous in the belief that the coming year will witness a steady increase in trade, although they do not expect anything but a natural movement in that line.

COLLECTIONS EASY.

Wholesale dealers report that there is a general festing among country merchants that the panio is at last over. They buy more freely, and less difficulty is experienced in the way of collections among them.

Fewer failures among small retail men

SENATOR DANIEL IS HERE.

have marked the past year than for like period for five years.

The banks here report that business is much bester with them, and the officials claim a wonderful licrease in the way of individual prolets. Loans are easier and paper is more readily discounted than for several years past. They anticipate a good outsiness in 1898. Will Be Notified of His Re-Election While He is In the City.

MR. MONTAGUE BUYS A HOME.

He Has Purchased a Residence on Grove Avenue-- Major Helms to Qualify as Superintendent of the l'enitentiary To-day -- About the Law-Makers.

The General Assembly will reconvene

Comparatively few of the Senators and to-day. Comparatively few of the Senators and Delegates had returned to the city has night. Among those who have arrived are Senators W. P. Barksdale, Harry Maynard and Thomas E. Blakey, Delegates J. C. Featherston, J. N. Stubbs, M. S. Newberne, T. C. Pilcher, C. G. Kizer, E. E. Montague and James Mann Mr. Filcher has changed his head-quarters to the Lexington Hotel.

There will be no business transacted in

quarters to the Lexington Hotel.

There will be no business transacted in either house to-day. The sessions will be merely formal in their character.

The real work of the session will begin on Monday, when nearly every member will be here. On that day Senator Mason's resolution looking to the appointment of a joint special committee to report a plan whereby the State expenses may be reduced will come up in the may be reduced will come up in the

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Booker, of Old Point.
Lieutenant-Governor Echols and Mrs. Eleutenant-Governor Echols and Mrs. Echols reached here yesterday afternoon and are registered at the Jefferson, where they will probably spend the winter. Mrs. Echols will be a charming addition to Richmond society. Before her marriage she was a Miss Young, of Louisville, Ky. Her father is a prominent business man of that city.

Her father is a prominent business man of that city.

MR. MONTAGUE'S HOME.

Hen. A. J. Montague, the AttorneyGeneral-elect has purchased the property at No. 1111 Grove avenue and will make his home there during his residence in Richmond. He arrived yesterday with his family and they are now located at their new residence. Mr. Montague will go ever to his future office in the State Library building about noon and will take the oath of office. One of the Supreme Court or city judges will be called upon to officiate and very few persons will witness the quiet and altogether informal ceremony.

Mr. R. Carter Scott, who succeeded his father as Attorney-General will continue to practice his profession here. He is a young man of ability and popularity and will no doubt build up a large practice.

MAJOR LYNN'S SUCCESSOR.

Major George M. Heims, the Superintendent-elect of the penitentiary was one of yesterday's arrivals. He is registered at Murphy's. The Major's family consists of his wife and daughter. Mrs. Heims is expected here on Menday, Major Heims will qualify to-day before Mr. C. Lee Moore, who is a rotary public. He will give bond in the sum of \$10,000 with a Baltimore Company as his surety.

positions under him. He will make no changes in the next few days except in the offices of Assistant Superintendent and Superintendent of the State Farm. Mr. S. M. Donald, of Augusta, has been offered the position of Assistant and as far as Major Helms knows, he will accept. Mr. A. W. Finch, of Botelourt, has accepted the appointment of Superintendent of the farm. He has been in

Valentine, his brother-OFFICIALS QUALIFY. Nearly all of the officials whose terms of office begin to-day had qualified yesterday. The most of them had the oath administered by Mr. C. Lee Moore. Governor O'Ferrall was in his office at the Capitol yesterday and was busy engaged in packing up his private papers and documents for removal to Dundes.

He will return to the office to-day to receive his successor.

Mr. Evan B. Chesterman, who has been

Governor O'Ferrall's popular and capa-ble private secretary for four years, will ble private secretary for four years, will now hang out a lawyer's shingle. He is a graduate of the Richmond Col-lege School of Law. His office will be in the Graham building, at the southeast senser of Eleventh and Bank streets, and he will accupy rooms with Mr. Thos.

MES. LYCN G. TYLER ILL.

Condition Atmost Hopeless-Other Persons Very Ill.

WIRES ALL DOWN. A Disastrons Snow Storm in

of Pittsburg: PITTSBURG, PA., Dec. H.-P.

netrous snow-storm in point of dame to wire, railway traille, etc. in the officers of the pell Telephone of in both cities will reach above. The province of their wires in Indiana, deforming the province of their wires in Indiana, deforming the province of their wires in Indiana, deforming the business is practically at a standard will will run the total up to \$125,000. It will be impossible to say when communication will be restored.

Many of the telegraph wires east and west arg down as the result of the heavy fall of snow. The wires as far as Altoria have succumbed to the weight of the snow and rains, and at some points not a single wire was left on the poles.

New Or cans Events.

New Or eans Events.

bouret in the second race, was the only winning choice to-day and she was forceed to a hard drive to land the purse. The weather was fine, the track good and the attendance large. Summaries: First race, selling, five furlongs-Nancy

Till (6 to 1) first, Saratoga (11 to 5 and 4 to 5) second, Solution (15 to 1) third, Time, 1:03 2-4.

Third race, six furlongs—Cath (6 to 5) first. Harry Duke (4 to 5) second, David (3 to 1) third. Time, 1:15 2-4.

Fourth race, handicap, mile and twenty yards—Salile Cliquot (13 to 5) first, Tranby (5 to 1 and 5 to 2) second; Elkin (12 to 1) third. Time, 1:46.

Fifth tace, selling, mile, Sister, Clare.

A Fatal Bunting Accident.

bard's side, innicting a wound which will prove fatal.

Judge W. samuel Goodwyn, who has been appointed judge of the County Court of Greenswille, will qualify as such to-

Increase in Gold Production

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.-The Director of the Mint, from information now at hand, says that there is substantial evidence that the world's product of gold for the calendar year 1897 will approximate, if not exceed, \$240,600,600, an increase of near-ly 20 per cent, over 1896. The gold product of the United States for 1896 was \$33,100,000; for 1897, it will approximate \$61,500,000, an increase of \$5,400,000. dence that the world's product of gold for

Bank Clearings.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The total bank clearings for the week were \$1,188,351,046; per cent increase, 42.4; total exclusive of New York, \$45,052,059; per cent. increase,

The New Cuban Cabinet.

HAVANA, Dec. 31.—Captair-Gener at Bianco last night signed the appoir at-ments of the president of the council a ad-the five secretaries the name of Eduar do Dolz was substituted for that of Se por Ambiard as munister of commerce. Amblard as minister of commerce.

The following compose the first e olonial Cabinet of Cuba under the recently
instituted scheme of autonomy, which
goes into effect to morrow:
President of the Cabinet, Senor Jose
Maria Galves.

Minister of Finance, Senor Rafael Montory Margada of Monterro.

toro, Marquis of Monterro, Minister of the Interior, Senior Autonio

Govin.

Minister of Education, Senor Francisco

Minister of Commerce, Eduardo Dolz, Minister of Posts and Telegraphs, Se-nor Laureaus Rodriguez. Assignment in Hampton.

HAMPTON, VA., Dec. 31.—Special.—The large cithing house of Johnson & Moore assigned yesterlay. Liabilities of 021.73, B. W. Johnson Hampton, \$1,600. Hambur, er Bros. of Baltimore. \$2,031.25. Isadore Kaufman & Co., of New York, 1827.48.

Dr. Rabeigh Witten.

TAZEWELL, VA., Dec. 31.—Special.— Dr. Raicigh Whien, one of the oldest citi-zens of the county, died on Tuesday night out & o'clock from natural causes. this place on his fare, and has been quite this place on his fare, and has been quite a prominent character in this section.

He leaves several children, one of whom is the wife of Dr. J. R. Clidersleeve, of this place.

The definite announcement that the French expedition has reached rashous. On the Watte Nile, seems to indicate they this place.

Mr. B. B. Pleasants.

Mr. B. B. Pleisants died at his resid-ence near Ashland late Thursday after-neon. He had been in poor health for

Pleasants from 1855 to 1892 was the Mr. Pleasants from 1856 to 1852 was the county surveyer of Hanover, and relifed on account of ill health. He was the father of Mayor B. J. Pleasants, of Ashinard, and was a gentleman greatly believed by all who knew him. He was reliated to the Richmond Pleasants.

Richard Curzon Poultney. LONDON, December 3L-Richard Cur-o Foultney of Paltimore, died at Ken-ington, London, on Tuesday past.

A FINE RECORD.

(Continued from First Page.)

is a steady, helpful growth such as canis a steady, helpful growth such as cannot fail to develop the financial and industrial interests of a city. The manufacturing interests and jobbing trade of Elebmond are steadily progressing, while her population is increasing each year. Richmond and immediate suburbit now have about 125,000 inhabitants. It is believed that the census of 1200 will give it at least 120,000 inhabitants.

With so many favorable conditions for the development and advancement of the city's interests, and with funch cooperation as the business men here should arcuse among themselves, there is certainly no reason why this beautiful

should arouse among themselves, there is certainly no reason why this beautiful city, the home of American independence and the capital of the Mother of States should not take the lead and ng all the cities between the Potomac river and the Gulf of Mexico, and reign as the "Queen City of the South."

Millionaire Trames.

PADUCAH, KY., Dec. 31.—A man with a three karat diamond in his soirt from walked up the wharf from the Onto rivel esterday. Eight negroes trailed respectually in his rear. Each carried an article of luggage. The man in front was J. E. Berry, familiarly known as the Tramp Millionaire."

Herry, familiarly known ramp Millionaire."
On arriving at the botel, which was by fifty yards from the landing. Herry warded each of the negroes with a way, bill. Herry came from Evans the trip down the river was a land trip down trip do v. bill. Herry came from Evans the.

If the trip down the trees was a am of joy for the eres. Every person board who could as on received for by the palm load. Ben, scattered from stem to stern. All the stevens were kept flust, with money. The consumer kept flust, with money. The consumer the stem in bands—His present income is supposed to be tricted to \$12 a day, but he spent this coal times over before he had been lown twelve houls.

In town twelve hours.

Newsboys and street gamins were pro-vided with pocket Jozds of change. In the afternoon Berry sought out a cump of tramps in the woods beyond the city and provided a champagne supper.

At 2 A. M. Berry fell from a porch and received severe injuries, One leg was broken and he was otherwise nurt.

France in Africa.

PARIS, Dec. 31.—A dispaseh from Cairo says the French expedition has occupied the town of Fishoda, on the west bank of the White Nile, and it is expected that

ace for the pessention of khar-the Erith expedition according able despatches a few days ago, have ured the last outpost of the Der-hes, and were within one hundred

The French are over four hundred miles away. It begins to look as if France has again been folled in her attempt to check the licitish aphere of influence in the J. W. Feive and wife, Cincinnati; Geo-

# RICHMOND'S MANUFACTURING EXHIBIT.

Increases in Sales and Number of Establishments--- The Capital and Number of Hands Show Slight Decreases,

- Compiled by J. R. Whitey.) t. 10f the Marian Howard Improved Moscantile Agency.)

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The following table presents in detail the industrial enhibit of Richmond and suburdes for the year 1801, including those industries of Manchester, whose principal officers are in this city. The total shows 1971 plants, employing 18,350 operations and harms an aggregate capital of \$15,811,725. The total sales were \$32,834.

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Number of No. of Capital establishments, hands, in business Kinds of Manufacture. paper, twine, paper boxes, whings and tage 1,250 110 188 145 120,000 235,000 265,000 215.000 25.000 25.000 25.000 275.000 275.000 248.300 3.050.000 468.000 1,375.000 ectioneries.... s and carts. hant tailors and cotton... bis and baking powders... and meat juice... engraving und lithearaphenicals, lime, pheaters, etc. Encol on and woodwork. Christess and upholaters and marble. Comithe and wireworkers. es, collars, trunks, etc. dream and caints, and butchers roods and flavoring. The ard gas at the linds.

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STAUNTON, VA., Dec. 21.—Special.—
Staunton and Augusta county, 187, has been a better year than 1896, Buildirg has been very light, possibly lighter than for several years. General trade has been much improved. The staple crop of Augusta county, is wheat, and the crop for 1807 Was a good one in quantity and quality. Scaumton has two roller mills. quality. Staunton has two relier mills, of six hundred barrels capacity per day, and these mills take all the Augusta county wheat brought to them. It has been a very common sight to see the area around the mills and the adjacent street crowded with wagons loaded with wheat

The price has been good averaging from 5 cents to \$1 per bushel, so that the town has had the benefit of this increased The bank statements published within the last tan days, make a splendid exhibit. Nearly a million deliars on deposit subject to check, is a pretty good showing, and one of the striking features of the banking business, is the report of the Farmers and Merchants bank, a State bank, which has doubted its lines of discount and deposit within the year. The bank is a new one, only about two years old. How would it do with the 19 per cent, tax taken off?

NEW ENTERPRISES.

There will be two new enterprises started here within the next thirty days. A. E. Hannerberger, an enterprising mer-chant of the place, will next week start a furniture factory. He has ample means, and has rented and fitted up an idle plant of large capacity and will start up the 2d of January. Another concern will manufacture

overalls and will give employment to gelts a number of women and your, girls. Mr. Pulton, late of Fulton, Hoge contemplation.

The Bodley Wagon Works, located here s the largest concern of its kind in the several hundred hand

Bell & Higgs have one of the largest barrel factories in this section and have done a fine business. They give employ-ment to seventy-five bands at the facory and consume an immense quantity of timber, which keeps the farmers busy getting out and bringing in the needed in Oid Virginia can be done always. So away with the old fogy idea that we need be dependent on outsiders for anything. There is a large quantity of wheat yet in the hands of the farmers of Augusta.

and the names of a good price for it gives the hope of large returns for our county. A large acreage has been sown Our people are bright and hopeful and full of courage for the New Year.

FARMVILLE'S CENTENNIAL.

Greatest in Her History.

FARMVILLE, VA., Dec. 31.—Special.—As to-morrow is the beginning of a new year, so will it be the beginning of a new year with the town of Farmville. One hundred years ago to-merrow this town was incorporated at which time it had only a few hundred inhabitants, to-day it has over three thousand. Many changes have taken place within this long time. But to-day Farmville will rank with any town of its size in Virginia. It is one of the largest dark tobacce markets in this state for its size, having sold within the last two months over two million pounds. It also has the best and largest Female whool in the State, which has over three shool in the State, which has over three Greatest in Her History.

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continuous to receive the low price of sotton, yet in other sections, there have numeral prosperity owing to the cry remuneralive prices tobacco is brief

he past year, as a rule, values have been cell maintained, which has secured to

Payments of bills have been as prome on usual, and, altogether. I regard conditions very good to start the new year.

ALEXANDRIA'S INCREASE.

Only Two Business Failures in That City in Three Years.
ALOXANDRIA, VA., Dec. 31.—Special.— While there may be no general congratu ations, the closing year finds Alexandria having fewer business failures with in the depressed limits of any town of like size in the country. Only two in three years. Interviews with leading mer-

tate sales.

There were recorded in 1807 655 deeds, 243 matriage licenses were issued, to charters granted and 70 law suits insti-

CHARLOTTENVILLE, VA., Dec. 31— Special.—The Democratic City Committee this morning adopted a premary law, which the Legislature will be asked to which the Legislature will be asked to pass.

Mr. C. W. Smith, an aged citizen, who resided on Seventh street, was found dead in his bed this morning.

The residence of Mr. J. W. Shaw, one and a half miles southwest of the city, was destroyed by tire last evening. The insurance was small.

Mrs. H. W. Saddier, of Fluvanna county, while out driving yesterday, had her arm broken by being thrown from her burgsy.

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The Nev. W. A. Wilburn, the blind chaplain to the United States Schate, will preach at the University chapel next duay merning and evening. Mr. H. L. Pitts left yesterday afternoon over the Chesapeake and Ohio on a business trip to Cincinnati.

Vicinity. and Alleghany experienced the ne

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 31.—Crystofline, who shared the betting honors with Ta-

stailine (3 to 1) first, Ben Frost (6 to 1 and 2 to 1) second, Wiggins (10 to 1) third. Time, 1:02 2-4.

Fifth race, selling, mile-Sister Clara (6 to 1) first, Terranet (5 to 1 and 15 to 2) second, Ultimat (2 to 1) third, Time,

PETGHEBURG, VA., Lec. 31.—Waite rabbit hunting to-day William Edwards and Hart Hubbard, two young men, residing in Greensville councy, stood talking together. Edwards in a playful manner punched humbard in the fide with the muzzle of his gun, when the trigger got caught in Edwards over coat pocket and the weapon was discharged, the whole losd of No. 2 shot entering Hub-

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